

Gallaudet Fact—

Q. Why does Kendall Green have different types of lampposts?

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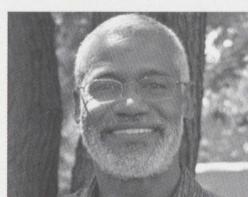
The Provost's Office hosted its annual barbecue luncheon for new students in the Bon Appetit dining hall on August 24. The event gives the campus community an opportunity to welcome its newest members while enjoying a delicious meal. ABOVE: President Jordan, Earl Parks, e-Learning manager for Academic Technology, and Leslie Page, diversity fellow for the President's Office, serve hungry guests. BELOW: President-designate Jane Fernandes gets acquainted with new students.



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New student John Crump enjoys the post-Convocation reception.



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Reggie King praises the food at the annual Employee Appreciation Barbecue.



Recruiter Brooke Aldrete at a meeting following an August 17 presentation for CLAST department chairs.



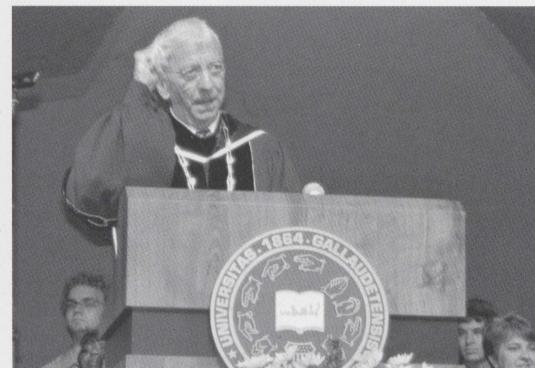
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Convocation welcomes students to new 'home'



Dr. Jordan addresses new students, their family members, and the faculty and staff who readied the campus for their arrival. The 2006 Convocation marked his last address to the Gallaudet community as president at a formal academic event.

Looking out over the crowd of new students who packed Elstad Auditorium for the August 22 Convocation, speakers at the ceremony picked out two prominent emotions on the sea of faces—excitement and anxiousness.

Administrators and faculty presenters had grown accustomed to seeing these expressions at past Convocations, and returning students who addressed the Class of 2010 remembered experiencing them themselves. But they all reas-

sured the new students that conflicting feelings are quite normal, and that the Gallaudet community is well prepared to make them an essential part of a vibrant, diverse campus that is located in one of the world's most dynamic cities.

Many presenters drew parallels between the emotions that the students were feeling and those held by Firoozeh Dumas, the author of *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America*, chosen by the First Year Experience as the book for first-year students and the University community to read for the 2006-07 academic year.

After reading the book, "I was struck by the challenges people meet when they go to a new place," said President Jordan in his greeting to the

Class of 2010. He added, "No matter where you come from, you will make Gallaudet your home." Dr. Jordan, who is stepping down as president on December 31, commented that the 2006 Convocation was the last formal ceremony where he would wear his academic regalia, and the last time he would celebrate the annual arrival of new students. "I have been a part of the Gallaudet community since I came here as a new student in 1966 ... I love the University and hope your years here are as good to you as they have been to me."

Jordan spoke of the growing diversity he has seen in incoming classes over the years—a result, in part, of changes in society and technology. The increase, too, in students who are educated in mainstream programs, are hard of hearing, and use cochlear implants reinforces the University's belief that there are many ways to be deaf. He said that two of the University's eight strategic goals

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Employee Appreciation Barbecue



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Police officer Myra Jordan of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Liaison Unit shows her skill at double Dutch as Tramell Henson, administrative secretary for the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services, turns the rope. Kara Gagnon, staff residential assistant (SRA) for Campus Life, poses for her caricature that will be drawn next to the one of her husband, Steve Gagnon, a substitute SRA. The volleyball tournament's winning team, 12 Bad Knees, from GIS, included (from left) interpreters Brad Leon, Robert Loeffler, Matt Terry, Kari Bahl, and Steve Walker. After a close and thrilling game against the Finger Crossers from Admissions, 12 Bad Knees emerged triumphant for the fourth time in six years. Members of the Finger Crossers were (from left) Recruiter Brooke Aldrete, Visitors Coordinator Brian Sipek, Recruiters Jesse Jones and Summer Crider, Admissions Counselor Stacy Nowak, and Database Management Assistant Elicia Varnado.



Ask Aunt Sophie

Dear Aunt Sophie,

I can't help it, I'm addicted to searching the Internet for what people are saying about Gallaudet. I've read the blogs and the email forum. So much of what is being said is inaccurate, negative, or exaggerated. I heard about the www.9thprez.com website and found a lot of good information there. In the midst of all this, it was refreshing to read something from another point of view. I wonder what your thoughts are about all this.

Hiding Behind an Alias Like Everyone Else

Dear Hiding,

You are spot on in your assessment of the recent Internet chatter regarding dear old Kendall Green. Such pessimism and impudence! It's enough to give a person the heebie-jeebies. As for the 9thprez website, I especially enjoyed reading Number Nine's recent speech at the Iowa Association of the Deaf. Talk about goose bumps up and down one's arm. Check it out, friends.

Campus Calendar

September

13—State of the College Address: College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies, SAC 1011, noon-1 p.m.; First day of Turn a Page Together book discussions, SUB Flex A and B, noon-1 p.m.

18-20—State of the Science Conference on Hearing Enhancement, GUKCH, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

23—Parliamentary Procedure workshop, SUB MPR, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

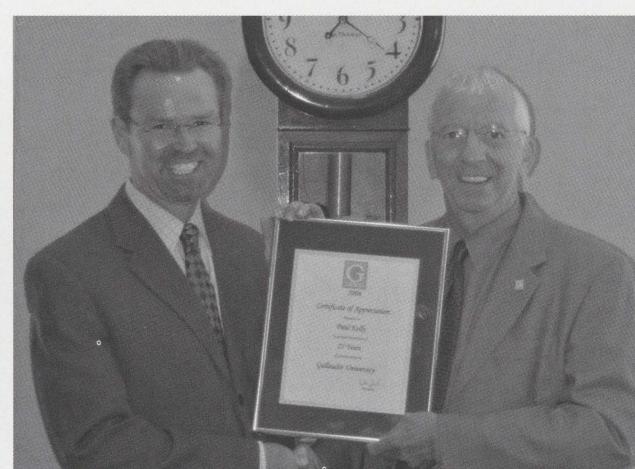
Diversity Lecture Series begins

diversity (dī'vər-sə-tē) n. an organizational culture that includes people from various social identity groups and which concentrates on the elimination of racism, sexism, classism, and autism.

The new Diversity Lecture Series, sponsored by the Diversity Fellows, is part of the University's ongoing focus on diversity. The series invites noted leaders to the campus to share their perspectives on racism and autism. The lecture series is part of an ongoing effort to heighten awareness about racism and autism and to inspire each individual to do his or her part in creating a safe environment where everyone is respected, valued, and included. As part of the University's mission and strategic goals, Gallaudet is committed to overcoming the complexities and challenges of being an inclusive deaf university.

The Diversity Lecture Series got underway with two powerful presentations showing how blatant autism and racism intensified the pain and suffering of many deaf people and people of color during and after Hurricane Katrina. On September 6, Dr. Carolyn McCaskill, associate professor, and graduate student Alex Zemovoj, both in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies, explained how systemic autism and racism were present during and after the hurricane that struck New Orleans last year.

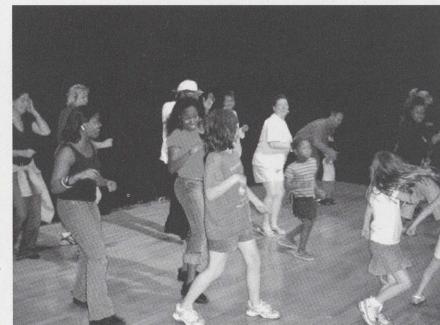
On September 7, Richard Morin, senior editor for the Pew Research Center in Washington, D.C., and a columnist for *The Washington Post*, focused on the aftermath of Katrina. Morin has done an extensive investigation into race in America and talked about how discrimination based on skin color affected the degree of support various groups received after the hurricane. □



President Jordan recognizes Paul Kelly, vice president for Administration and Finance, for 25 years of service to the University. Jordan called Kelly, who has served Gallaudet as vice president throughout Jordan's tenure as president, an "invaluable asset to the University."

Clerc Center Happenings

Family Learning Vacation a success



Family Learning Vacation participants enjoy dancing on stage with members of the Wild Zappers and the National Deaf Dance Theatre.

By Matt Winslow

The Clerc Center hosted a Family Learning Vacation (FLV) June 23 to 25 for families with deaf and hard of hearing children.

The weekend retreat brought families together to learn from each other and emphasized the importance of families communicating with their deaf and hard of hearing children. It incorporated family-friendly activities related to American Sign Language, English literacy, and

thinking about the future related to the world of work. The families, who were from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, also participated in many exciting events, such as a Family Olympics, family flag making, a read aloud, and a panel discussion. "Our goal is to enable children to be fully participating members of their families," said Carla Hanyzewski, family educator for the Clerc Center and organizer of the FLV event.

Parents were delighted with the unique opportunity to meet with other parents of deaf and hard of hearing children and with deaf staff members, who came from diverse backgrounds and showed variation in their signing styles. "Having exposure to so many deaf adults was an eye-opening experience for the families," Hanyzewski remarked. "The participating families indicated on their evaluation forms that they were very pleased with the event."

For information on FLV 2007, please visit the Clerc Center website in October: clerccenter.gallaudet.edu. □

WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

To read the welcoming letter sent by President Jordan at the start of the 2006-07 academic year, go to president.gallaudet.edu and click on the "welcome to the new academic year" link.

The message includes a link to a letter from President-designate Jane Fernandes to the campus community and links to the University's Guidelines for Expressive Activities and Assemblies.

Administration & Finance

'Administration and Operations Manual' online

Gallaudet is a wired university. Everything is electronic: the University catalog, Bookstore shopping, and vehicle registration, to name just a few.

The *Administration & Operations (A & O) Manual* has been online for some time, but offices were also given printed copies of the policies. The printed copies will not be distributed any longer. The most recent, official version of the policy can be viewed at af.gallaudet.edu/A_0.asp. These policies reflect the changes that were approved by the Board of Trustees at its May 2006 meeting. Remember to refresh your computer if you have this page bookmarked.

At the May board meeting content changes were made to the following policies: 1.04 – Alcoholic Beverages; 2.05 – Travel; 2.08 – Collection of Accounts Receivable; 2.23 – Property Management; 3.02 – Protection Against Sexual Harassment; and 5.01 – Clerc Center, Appointment and Work Schedule.

These policies had only editorial changes made in May: 1.13 – Code of Conduct with Clerc Center Students; 2.21 – Use of Facilities by Outside Organizations; 2.24 – Risk Management; 3.12 – Insurances; 4.16 – Military Leave; and 5.11 – Clerc Center, Sick Leave.

If you wish to print any policy from the web page, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "print this." Paper copies of all policies are available for review at the MSSD, KDES, and University libraries. If you have any questions concerning the A & O policies, contact Connie Allen, connie.allen@gallaudet.edu, or call x5076. □

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Convocation

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emphasizing that Gallaudet is an inclusive deaf community where everyone is valued and respected, "is the foundation of all we strive to do."

Preliminary demographics released on Gallaudet's new students for the fall semester (official numbers will be made final later this month) reinforce Jordan's statement on the diversity of the University's students:

- **Undergraduates:** 280 new degree-seeking undergraduates—213 first-time freshmen; 67 transfer students; 41 states represented (top five: California, Maryland, Illinois, Texas, and New York); 18 attended the Bridge Program; 17 is the age of the youngest student and 44 is the age of the old-

est; 14 international students (from eight countries); and 11 attended the New Signers Program

- **Graduates:** 189 new graduate students (including 19 new graduate special students)—170 new degree-seeking graduate students; 142 female and 47 are male; 114 master's degree students; 32 doctoral students; 10 certificate program students; 6 specialist degree students; 95 hearing and 94 deaf or hard of hearing; 33 states represented (top five: Maryland, Virginia, California, Florida, and Washington, D.C.); 21 international students (from five countries)
- **English Language Institute:** 27 new students; 22 are male and 5 are female; 14 countries represented (top two are Nigeria and Japan).

President-designate Jane Fernandes, in her welcome to the new students, spoke



President Jordan greets the parents of new students following Convocation.



Recruiters (from left) Summer Crider, Brooke Aldrete, and Jesse Jones, chat with Dr. Robert Harrison, chair of the Department of Communication Studies, and Dr. Janice Mitchell, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, following a presentation the recruiters gave at an August 17 retreat for CLAST department chairs.



New students (from left) Kristin Dressler, Trista Langford, and John Crump enjoy the post-Convocation reception.

of the "unequalled opportunities" Gallaudet has to offer. She said that regardless of an individual's goals, the University's liberal education will give him or her the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in a career and in personal life. Dr. Fernandes said that when she becomes president, one of her top goals is to listen to the concerns, ideas, and suggestions of students, faculty, and staff. "I, like you, am entering a new chapter of life that brings challenges and growth," she said. "I need to know how Gallaudet can best meet your goals. I look forward to these conversations."

Returning students who addressed the Class of 2010 recalled their early fears that they might not be accepted at Gallaudet, but they shared the sentiment that their concerns were unfounded. Stephanie Moore, a hearing undergraduate student, said she "met great people

who were really patient with me and my signing and taught me about language and culture and about myself and that I'm part of the deaf community." Sisakoth Chhun, a junior from Pennsylvania majoring in mathematics, and whose parents came to the U.S. from Cambodia, said, "I'm proud to be a Gallaudet student, a woman, and an Asian American. I feel very accepted at Gallaudet, and I love my new home." Matthew Gilsbach, a senior from Michigan majoring in communication studies who transferred to Gallaudet, compared the University to a family whose individual members come together to share love and support. "Gallaudet is a family," he said, "... with a wide diversity of people with one thing in common—the love of deaf culture and the deaf community, and we have the community here to help guide us." □

Gallaudet Fact—

A. The different lampposts are a way to distinguish the historic part of campus from the contemporary parts. According to Michael Olson, Archives technician, the diamond-shaped green lamp posts were installed on the Historic District on the south side of campus in 1982. The rectangular gray lamp posts appear near more modern structures.

Roving Reporter

What is your favorite activity at the Employee Appreciation Barbeque? What activity would you like to see added next year?



I like the music, grilled mushrooms, and caricatures. Next year, I'd like to see horseback riding.

Shonn Gilkes, sales manager
Kellogg Conference Hotel



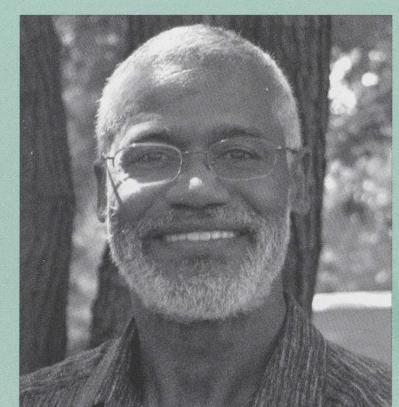
Free food and hanging out with people is always great. But it would be even nicer to be able to bring family—for example, my wife—along.

Christian Vogler
research scientist, GRI



I enjoy the food and the opportunity to meet with everybody in a casual environment. Next year I'd like to see the bungee run again.

Suzy Seidenberg, manager of computer support and telecommunications, ITS



The food is always lovely. I could see some activity that could connect different people to get to know each other better. But they're doing an excellent job already.

Reggie King, graphics communication teacher/researcher,
Curriculum Enhancement Team,
MSSD

Personnel Notes

New employees hired in July

Heather Barclay, dispatcher/customer service representative, Department of Public Safety; **Timothy Hamrick**, accounts receivable analyst, Finance Office; **Seung Kim**, information technology technician, Computer System Engineering; **Laura Nordby**, video relay service interpreter I, Gallaudet Interpreting Service-VRS; **Noel Rivera**, junior staff auditor, Audit and Management Advisory Services

Promotions in July

Amon Brown, project coordinator, Construction Services; **Maureen Burns**, assistant principal for KDES instruction, KDES Principal's Office; **Alyssa Haneline**, teacher, Child Development Center; **Shannon Troy**, program specialist, Campus Activities; **Gail Solit**, coordinator of KDES educational planning, KDES Principal's Office

Retirement in July

Ruth Milton, Office of Students with Disabilities

Service awards for August

Five years:

Roch Arboleda, guidance/transition counselor, Transition Coordination, Clerc Center; **Nancy Berrigan**, coordinator, Literacy, Clerc Center; **Matthew Bakke**, associate professor, Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences; **Bernard Brown**, assistant professor, Business; **Maureen Burns**, assistant principal for KDES Instruction, KDES Principal's Office; **Tara Downing**, family educator, Family Involvement, Clerc Center; **Sara Finklea**, academic/career advisor, Academic Advising; **Ellen Funayama**, assistant professor, Psychology; **Brian Greenwald**, assistant professor, Government and History; **Brad Leon**, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Asiah Mason**, coordinator, Emotional Intelligence National Initiative, Training and Professional Development, Clerc Center; **Bryan Miller**, associate professor, Psychology; **Danielle Puzio**, manager of operations and interpreting services, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Risa Shaw**, assistant professor, Interpretation; **Laurene Simms**, associate professor, Education; **Amy Wilson**, associate professor, Educational Foundations and Research; **Steven Snow**, academic/career advisor, Academic Advising

Ten years:

Nury Adams, custodian, Custodial Services; **H. Dirksen Bauman**, professor, ASL and Deaf Studies; **Susan Burch**, associate professor, Government and History; **Paige Franklin**, assistant professor, English; **Jerri Lyn Klimkiewicz**, coordinator of orientation programs, Student Affairs; **Deborah McCaw**, associate professor, Psychology; **Melanie Metzger**, professor, Department of Interpretation; **Judith Mounty**, director, Center for ASL Literacy; **Barbara Proctor**, consortium coordinator/undergraduate graduation specialist, Registrar's Office; **Charlene Sorensen**, professor, Chemistry; **Tonya Stremlau**, professor, English

Fifteen years:

Lynne Carter, post office clerk, Postal Services; **Willy Conley**, associate professor/chair, Theatre Arts; **Jan Hafer**, professor, Education; **Leslie Rach**, associate professor, English; **Wei Min Shen**, art teacher/researcher, Curriculum Enhancement Department, Clerc Center; **Yolanda Williams**, administrative secretary, Mental Health Center

Twenty years:

James DeStefano, director, Athletics; **Ellen Beck**, coordinator of English Works, Tutorial and Instructional Program; **William Kachman**, associate director, Mental Health Center; **Elizabeth Meynardie**, manager, Training and Professional Development, Clerc Center; **Margaret Mullens**, professor, Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; **David Schleper**, coordinator of training development and literacy programs, Clerc Center

Twenty-five years:

Dwight Benedict, manager, University Leases and Facilities; **Robbie Carmichael**, assistant professor, Physical Education and Recreation; **Nancy Carroll**, registrar, Registrar's Office; **Diane Hottendorf**, professor, Physical Education and Recreation; **Jane Hurst**, professor/chair, Philosophy and Religion; **George Ivey**, professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; **Elaine Jacobowitz**, associate professor, ASL and Deaf Studies Program; **Paul Kelly**, vice president, Administration and Finance; **Camilla Lange**, assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; **Deborah Moore**, Career Library specialist, Career Center; **David Pancost**, professor/chair, English; **Toni Parliman**, sign language interviewer/rater, Center for ASL Literacy; **Cynthia Peters**, professor, English; **Paul Setzer**, professor, Art; **Naomi Zowader**, math teacher, MSSD

Thirty years:

Terry Coye, director, Tutorial and Instructional Programs; **Silvia Golocovsky**, coordinator, Multicultural Student Services Clerc Center; **Charles Pearce**, professor, Department of Business; **John Van Cleve**, executive director, Gallaudet University Press/Marketing, Information Technology Services

Thirty-five years:

Richard Lytle, professor, Education



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Lawrence Musa, global education program specialist for the Office of International Program and Services (OIPS), greets guests at an August 18 welcome dinner for Gallaudet's international students. Jiayi Zhou, a sophomore (left) and Wei Wang, a senior, both from China, perform. Olatokunbo Ogundayo (left), a sophomore, and Gabriel Soje, Ford Foundation Ph.D. student, both from Nigeria, demonstrate dance steps. President-designate Jane Fernandes, who gave a warm greeting to the international students, enjoys the program. This year, the University is hosting 44 new international students from 23 countries.



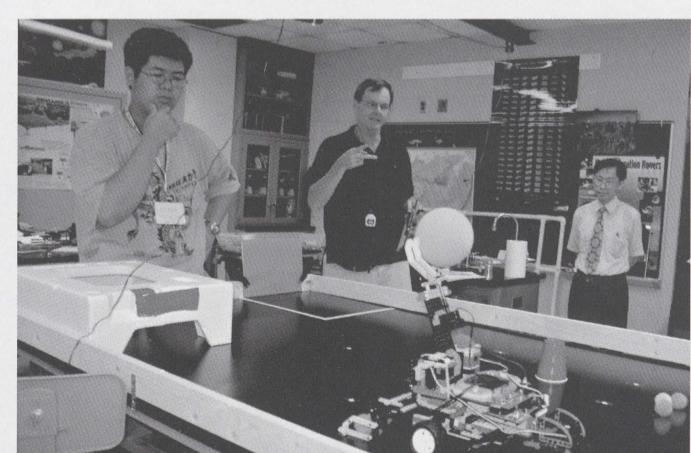
Dr. Isaac Agboola, chair of the Department of Business, and his wife, Jumoke Agboola, returned to his hometown of Ere-Ijesha in the southwestern part of Nigeria in July for a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of their new house—and to celebrate his 50th birthday. "The house is an addition to my family compound and the main reason for building it is to provide enough accommodation for me and my siblings and our families when we visit my parents," said Agboola. "I have both parents, six siblings and their families, as well as many uncles, aunts, and cousins living in various parts of Nigeria," he added. "I spend a lot of time visiting them." There were about 200 people at the festive occasion, mostly family members and guests. The ribbon was cut by Ere-Ijesha's traditional chieftain and the pastor of the family's church. "There were congratulatory speeches, music, dancing, and plenty of food and drink," said Agboola. Jumoke Agboola is from the Nigerian town of Ibadan, also in the southwestern part of Nigeria. She met her future husband in Nigeria before he left to attend Gallaudet in 1978, and later joined him at the University. She is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.



Pamela Mower, employer recruiter for the Career Center, is congratulated for five years of service to the University by Stefan Koppi, Career Center director, and co-workers during a July 21 retreat.



Receiving service awards from CLAST Dean Karen Kimmel are (from left) Dr. David Pancost, chair of the Department of English (25 years), Willy Conley, chair of the Theatre Arts Department (15 years), and Dr. Jane Hurst, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion (25 years).



Fang Yang, a 2006 graduate of MSSD who began his studies at the University this fall, maneuvers a robot he helped build through an obstacle course during the Summer College Transition Academy in Computing. The program, which ran from July 9 to August 6, was funded by a National Science Foundation grant in partnership

with the University of Washington. The program aims to bolster the number of students who study and pursue careers in computer science. This year, seven students from six states participated in the program. They divided into four teams and each team built a robot from a kit. Each week the students were taken on a field trip to supplement their class participation. They toured the National Security Agency at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Greenbelt, Md., the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Va., and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Bethesda, Md. The instructors were Dr. David Snyder (second from left), a professor in the Chemistry and Physics Department, and Dr. Christian Vogler, visiting research scientist with the Gallaudet Research Institute. Dr. Fat Lam (second from right), chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, was the principle investigator for the grant.